

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Oswaldo da Costa e Silva, *et al.*  
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are not applicable.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.